

CLAIMS

1. In a wood shingle panel of a given length for use to cover a wall or
5 a roof, said panel comprising a plurality of wood shingles positioned in adjacent
relationship to form a row that extends over said given length, said wood
shingles having top edges that are in line along said given length, said wood
shingles being attached to a slat that extends along said given length at a given
distance below the top edges of said wood shingles rearwardly of said wood
10 shingles, the improvement wherein:

said slat consists of a metal sheet of inverted J cross-section, said
metal sheet having a main wall punched in such a way as to form a plurality of
spaced apart spikes, said spikes acting as nails to attach the wood shingles
onto the slat when the main wall of said slat is applied and pressed onto the row
15 formed by said wood shingles, said metal sheet also having an inverted U-
shaped top wall that projects externally on top of the main wall when the wood
shingles are attached to it, said inverted U-shaped top wall being sized to
receive and hook onto the top edges of the wood shingles of a similar wood
shingle panel positioned below.

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2. The improved wood shingle panel of claim 1, wherein the top
edges of the wood shingles are covered by a connector that extends along the
row over the length of said panel.

25 3. The improved wood shingle panel of claim 2, wherein the
connector consists of a metal sheet of inverted U-shape.

4. The improved wood shingle panel of claim 2, wherein the
connector consists of a self-adhesive strip.

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5. The improved wood shingle panel of claim 1, wherein the wood
shingles are of a tapering side shape with a thickness that increases from their

top edges down to their bottom edges.

6. The improved wood shingle panel of claim 2, wherein the wood shingles are of a tapering side shape with a thickness that increases from their top edges down to their bottom edges.

7. The improved wood shingle panel of claim 1, wherein the wood shingles have a height of about 15" and the metal sheet acting as slat is nailed at such a height onto the rear of the row of wood shingles as to leave a height about 5" free at the bottom of a similar panel when hooked onto it.

8. The improved wood shingle panel of claim 2, wherein the wood shingles have a height of about 15" and the metal sheet acting as slat is nailed at such a height onto the rear of the row of wood shingles as to leave a height about 5" free at the bottom of a similar panel when hooked onto it.

9. The improved wood shingle panel of claim 6, wherein the wood shingles have a height of about 15" and the metal sheet acting as slat is nailed at such a height onto the rear of the row of wood shingles as to leave a height about 5" free at the bottom of a similar panel when hooked onto it.

10. A kit for use to cover a wall or a roof, said kit comprising:
a plurality of wood shingle panels as claimed in claim 1; and
a plurality of other wood shingle panels useful to start assembly of said panels in an upwardly extending direction, said other wood shingle panels comprising a plurality of wood shingles positioned in adjacent relationship to form a row that extends over said given length, said other wood shingles having top edges that are in line along said given length, said wood shingles being attached to a slat consisting of a metal sheet of "h" having an inverted L-shaped portion that fit onto and is attached to the top edges of the wood shingles, said metal sheet also having an upwardly projecting flat portion that is devised to fit into the inverted U-shaped top wall(s) of said wood shingle panel(s).

11. A kit for use to cover a wall or a roof, said kit comprising:
a plurality of wood shingle panels as claimed in claim 2; and
a plurality of other wood shingle panels useful to start assembly of
said panels in an upwardly extending direction, said other wood shingle panels
5 comprising a plurality of wood shingles positioned in adjacent relationship to
form a row that extends over said given length, said other wood shingles having
top edges that are in line along said given length, said wood shingles being
attached to a slat consisting of a metal sheet of "h" having an inverted L-shaped
portion that fit onto and is attached to the top edges of the wood shingles, said
10 metal sheet also having an upwardly projecting flat portion that is devised to fit
into the inverted U-shaped top wall(s) of said wood shingle panel(s).

12. A kit for use to cover a wall or a roof, said kit comprising:
a plurality of wood shingle panels as claimed in claim 6; and
15 a plurality of other wood shingle panels useful to start assembly of
said panels in an upwardly extending direction, said other wood shingle panels
comprising a plurality of wood shingles positioned in adjacent relationship to
form a row that extends over said given length, said other wood shingles having
top edges that are in line along said given length, said wood shingles being
20 attached to a slat consisting of a metal sheet of "h" having an inverted L-shaped
portion that fit onto and is attached to the top edges of the wood shingles, said
metal sheet also having an upwardly projecting flat portion that is devised to fit
into the inverted U-shaped top wall(s) of said wood shingle panel(s).